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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 19 to 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Digital signatures with message recovery are categorized by the fact that the message is not required as input to the verification algorithm. ~~One problem with~~ <u>One goal when</u> designing message recovery schemes is to defeat existential forgery attacks by defining a suitable redundancy function which will distinguish messages legitimately signed from signatures of random bit strings.